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1. WE CALLED ON LIC. BERCHELMAN, NEW DIRECTOR OF PREVISION SOCIAL, STATE OF COAHUILA, TO DISCUSS ACTION TAKEN ON CONGEN'S PROTEST LETTERS OF SEPTEMBER 30 AND DECEMBER 11, 1975 REQUESTING AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE HUNT/MCCARTHY BRUTALITY INCIDENT.

2. BERCHELMAN STATED THAT ALTHOUGH IT HAD BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO INVESTIGATE THE MATTER FOR LACK OF OFFICIAL RECORDS IN FILE EXCEPT THE CONGEN'S TWO PROTEST LETTERS, ALL FOUR GUARDS INVOLVED IN THE HUNT-MCCARTHY INCIDENT HAD BEEN FIRED FOR "BEING UNQUALIFIED" UNDER NEW REGULATION REQUIRING ALL PRISON PERSONNEL IN THIS CATEGORY TO HAVE AT LEAST A HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION. HE ADDED THAT IN ADDITION TO MEETING NEW EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS, ALL GUARDS WILL NOW BE REQUIRED TO TAKE PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATIONS AND WILL BE TRAINED IN SELF-DEFENSE WITHOUT RESORT TO WEAPONS. HE GAVE ASSURANCES THAT SUCH AN INCIDENT WOULD NOT RECUR.

3. COMMENT. CONGEN BELIEVES THAT FIRING OF THE FOUR GUARDS WAS MORE A DIRECT RESULT OF OUR PROTEST LETTERS THAN THEIR FAILURE TO MEET THE NEW EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS. IN ANY EVENT, THE FIRINGS AUGUR WELL FOR MORE HUMANE TREATMENT OF
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